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TO : SR. REP. LINCOLN

FROM : DIRECTOR, CIA

CONF : WH (PBS) (1-3)

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), A/DD/P/P (8), SA/PC/DCI (9)

DIR 00263 (OUT 93909) 2037Z 12 MAY 54 ROUTINE
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CITE: DIR

TO: SLINC

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RE: A. DIR 49989 (OUT 93309)

B. LINC 2608 (IN 46024)

1. REF A SENT PRIOR PLAYDON DISCUSSION RE HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE BALLOON PROGRAM. HQS WILL NOT THEREFORE PROCURE BALLOONS WITHOUT FURTHER REQUEST FROM LINC.

2. WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE BALLOON OPS WHICH LEADS US CONCLUDE THAT SUCH OPS REQUIRE EXTENSIVE PREPARATION AND EXPERTISE TO BE EFFECTIVE. AT SAME TIME THE EXPERT USE BALLOONS WOULD BE FURTHER TIE IN U.S.

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